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 SUBJECT US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: OIL POLLUTION FROM
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1. US PROJECT CHAIRMAN W.A. RADLINSKI, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM SOVIET CHAIRMAN, A.O. K. KARAYEV (MINISTRY OF OIL INDUSTRY, NABEREZHNYA TUREZA 26/1). SAYING PROGRAM NOT RECEIVED FOR UPCOMING SOVIET VISIT TO US IN MAY 1974. D. RADLINSKI HAD SENT LETTER WITH PROGRAM TO KARAYEV DEC 14, BUT IT APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. COPY NOW BEING POUCED TO TECH. FOR FORWARDING TO KARAYEV. IN MEANWHILE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ATTACHED SUMMARY OF LETTER AND PROPOSED PROGRAM TO KARAYEV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH COPY TO HYDROMET. TEXT OF SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH WORKING GROUP PROTOCOL OF OCT 7, 1973, AND MEMORANDUM OF NOV 16, 1973, SOVIET DELEGATION CORDIALLY INVITED TO US IN MAY 1974 FOR VISITS AND DISCUSSIONS ON PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT DURING WELL DRILLING, PRODUCTION, AND PIPELINE TRANSPORT OF OIL AND GAS. TWO PROPOSED SCHEDULES ARE ATTACHED. PLEASE SELECT ONE, OR PROPOSE CHANGES, AND WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE. MORE DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED AFTER AGREEMENT ON DATES AND INTINERARY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT. ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE 1 (MAY 5-19) & MAY 5 ARR NY, ONWARD TRAVEL TO HOUSTON MAY 5 OR 6, MAY 6-7 OFFSHORE

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TECHNOLOGY CONGERENCE, TO SEE AND DISCUSS PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT ON EXHIBIT, MAY 81 TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, MAY 91 DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE (API), MAY 10-11 VISIT RESEARCH LABORATORIES, MAY 12 TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, MAY 13 BRIEFING ON GULF OF MEXICO OFFSHORE OPERATIONS, MAY 14 VISIT TO GULF OPERATIONS, MAY 15 TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY 16 VISIT ONSHORE FACILITIES, MAY 17 VISIT OFFSHORE PLATFORMS IN SANTO BARBARA, MAY 18 TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO, VISIT REFINERY, WORKING GROUP SESSION, MAY 19 TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, DEPARTURE FOR USSR.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE 2 (MAY 15-29) : MAY 15 ARR NYC, MAY 16 TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES, WORKING GROUP SESSION, MAY 16-17-18 VISIT TO ONSHORE PRODUCTION FACILITIES (WILMINGTON FIELD) AND OFFSHORE PLATFORMS IN SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL, TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, MAY 19 TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, MAY 20 BRIEFING ON GULF OPERATIONS, MAY 21-22 VISIT TO OFFSHORE DRILLING AND PRODUCTION PLATFORMS, MAY 23 VISIT ONSHORE FACILITIES (EVERY ISLAND), TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, MAY 24 VISIT RESEARCH LABS, MAY 25-6 TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, MAY 27 DISCUSSIONS WITH API, MAY 28 VISIT RESEARCH LABS, WORKING GROUP SESSION, MAY 29 RETURN TO NY, DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE POINT THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE VERY CROWDED, AND MAY HAVE TO BE THINNED OUT SOMEWHAT. DETAILS ARE TENTATIVE, BUT CAN BE ARRANGED TO MEET SOVIET WISHES, INSOFAR AS PRACTICABLE, ONCE OVERALL DATES AND MAIN LINES OF PROGRAM ARE AGREED. RUSH

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